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Dear producers and other data users:

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Prices Received By Farmers

The preliminary United States All Farm Products Index of Prices Received in July is 104, based on 1990-92=100, down 3 points (2.8 percent) from the June Index. Lower prices for lettuce, corn, hogs, and wheat more than offset higher prices for dairy, cantaloup, asparagus, and broccoli. The seasonal change in the mix of commodities farmers sell, based on the past 3-year average, also affects the overall index. Decreased average

marketings of dairy, cantaloup, asparagus, and strawberries offset increased marketings of wheat, grapes, hay, and peaches.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index is up 5 points (5.1 percent) from July 2002. Higher prices for cattle, broilers, eggs, and soybeans more than offset lower prices for wheat, sweet corn, potatoes, and turkeys.

Prices Received: By Commodity, Nebraska and United States, Preliminary July 2003 with Comparisons

Commodity	Unit	Nebraska			United States				
		July 2002 ¹	June 2003 ¹	July 15, 2003	July 2002 ¹	June 2003 ¹	July 15, 2003	% of Parity	Parity Price ²
<i>Dollars</i>					<i>Dollars</i>				
Wheat, All	Bushel	3.31	3.11	2.86	3.21	3.07	2.93	30	9.66
Corn	Bushel	2.11	2.31	2.05	2.13	2.34	2.09	32	6.60
Oats	Bushel	1.71	2.00	1.80	1.69	1.84	1.72	42	4.12
Grain Sorghum	Cwt	3.65	3.79	3.30	4.06	3.61	3.55	32	11.20
Soybeans	Bushel	5.23	6.01	5.80	5.35	6.09	5.84	41	14.40
Hay, All, Baled	Ton	79.00	69.00	62.00	93.60	94.60	89.00		
Alfalfa, Baled	Ton	82.00	69.00	62.00	102.00	98.90	92.70		
Other, Baled	Ton	72.00	65.00	60.00	72.20	79.20	77.80		
Dry Edible Beans	Cwt	20.30	18.70	18.90	24.50	15.40	17.50	35	50.40
Hogs	Cwt	42.50	48.20	46.00	39.20	45.00	42.00	41	102.00
Barrows & Gilts	Cwt	43.00	48.50	46.20	40.20	45.80	42.50		
Sows	Cwt	19.40	32.00	34.90	19.90	30.40	33.60		
Beef Cattle	Cwt	63.10	78.20	77.20	63.70	74.90	74.30	46	161.00
Steers & Heifers	Cwt	64.00	79.30	78.20	66.50	78.70	77.60		
Cows	Cwt	34.10	43.00	44.50	37.40	42.00	44.30		
Calves	Cwt	100.00	107.00	104.00	95.20	102.00	103.00	48	216.00
Sheep	Cwt	22.30	28.20		25.60	30.30			78.90
Lambs	Cwt	74.40	94.00		75.60	96.70			185.00

¹ Entire month average except hay. ² Parity price based on data for July 2003.

Source: USDA NASS Agricultural Prices July 31, 2003.

Stocks in Cold Storage: By Commodity, United States, June 2003 with Comparisons

Commodity	Stocks	June 2003 Percent of	
		June 2002	May 2003
1,000 lbs			
Total red meats	845,059	92	94
Beef	371,676	94	97
Pork	457,385	92	92
Poultry	1,378,624	92	102
Turkey	721,611	112	110
Chicken	650,177	76	95

Source: USDA NASS Cold Storage, July 18, 2003.

Poultry: Layers and Eggs, Nebraska and United States, June 2003 with Comparisons

Item	2002	2003	2003/2002
<i>Millions Percent</i>			
Number of Layers			
Nebraska	11.6	11.7	101
30 States	313.8	310.1	99
United States	335.4	332.4	99
Eggs Produced			
Nebraska	251	264	105
30 States	6,668	6,578	99
United States	7,126	7,053	99
Chickens Hatched, June			
United States			
Egg-type	35.1	36.3	103
Broiler	776.3	774.7	100

Source: USDA NASS Chicken and Eggs, July 22, 2003.

Livestock Slaughter: By Commodity, Nebraska and United States, June 2003 with Comparisons

Item	Total ¹	June 2003 Percent of	
		June 2002	May 2003
Nebraska	<i>1,000 Head</i>		
Cattle, head	733.1	105	102
Hogs, head	533.7	103	102
Red Meat, mil. lbs.	659.4	103	103
United States			
Cattle, head	3,248.6	106	100
Calves, head	74.0	97	97
Hogs, head	7,747.4	103	99
Sheep & Lambs, head	228.9	99	103
Red Meat, mil. lbs.	3,947.8	104	100

¹ Excludes animals slaughtered on farms.

Source: USDA NASS Livestock Slaughter, July 18, 2003.

Mink : Farms, Pelts Produced, Price, and Value, United States, 1995-2002

Year	Mink Farms	Pelts	Average	Value of
	<i>Number</i>	<i>Thousands</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Million Dollars</i>
1995	478	2,803	53.10	148.8
1996	449	2,783	35.30	98.2
1997	452	2,993	33.10	99.1
1998	438	2,938	24.80	72.9
1999	398	2,813	33.70	94.8
2000	350	2,666	34.00	90.6
2001 ¹	329	2,565	33.50	85.9
2002 ²	318	2,600	30.60	79.6

¹ Revised. ² Preliminary.

Source: USDA NASS Mink, July 15 2003.

Monthly Farrowings: Number of Sows, Pigs Per Litter, and Pig Crop, United States December-November 2002-2003 ^{1 2}

Month	Sows Farrowing		Pigs per Litter		Pig Crop	
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>
Dec ¹	923	908	8.66	8.75	7,994	7,943
Jan	946	931	8.73	8.82	8,257	8,211
Feb	967	928	8.83	8.86	8,543	8,220
Mar	978	938	8.80	8.85	8,608	8,301
Apr	983	942	8.85	8.88	8,700	8,365
May	982	941	8.81	8.91	8,651	8,387
Jun	960	926	8.89	8.91	8,537	8,250
Jul	968		8.89		8,609	
Aug	959		8.92		8,554	
Sep	951		8.85		8,416	
Oct	940		8.83		8,300	
Nov	926		8.83		8,176	
Total	11,483		8.83		101,344	

¹ December preceding year.

² Monthly values may not add to quarterly or annual totals due to rounding.

Source: USDA NASS Monthly Hogs and Pigs, July 25, 2003.

Agricultural Land Values: Average Value per Acre, Nebraska and 48 States, January 1, 2000-2003

Land Type	2000	2001	2002	2003
<i>Dollars</i>				
Nebraska				
Cropland	1,110	1,170	1,210	1,230
Irrigated	1,580	1,600	1,640	1,680
Non-irrigated	860	950	980	1,000
Pasture	230	245	250	260
48 States				
Cropland	1,490	1,580	1,650	1,720
Pasture	524	558	588 ¹	618

¹ Revised.

Source: USDA NASS Agricultural Land Values and Cash Rents August 2003, August 7, 2003.

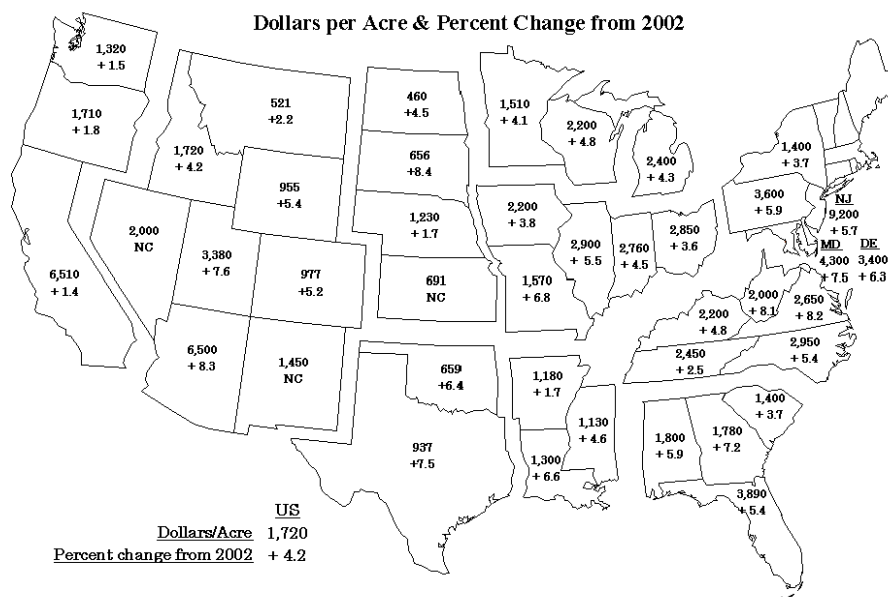
Agricultural Cash Rents: Average Cash Rent per Acre, Nebraska and 48 States, 2000-2003

Land Type	1999	2000	2001	2002
<i>Dollars</i>				
Nebraska				
Cropland	88.00	88.00	90.00	92.00
Irrigated	117.00	117.00	121.00	123.00
Non-irrigated	66.00	65.00	66.00 ¹	67.00
Pasture	11.30	11.30	11.20 ¹	11.50
48 States				
Cropland	70.00	71.00	71.60 ¹	73.00
Pasture	8.50	9.20	9.20	9.00

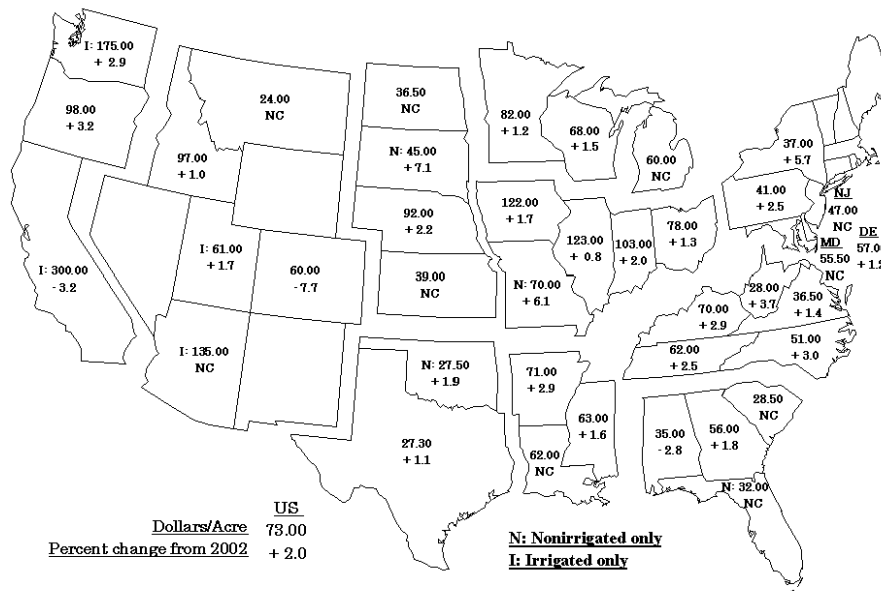
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Source: USDA NASS Agricultural Land Values and Cash Rents August 2003, August 7, 2003.

2003 Cropland Value by State



2003 Cropland Cash Rent by State



**Farm Production Expenditures: Major Input Items, Farms Reporting,
Average per Farm, and Total, Northern Plains Region and United States, 2001-2002**

Expenditure - Farm Share	Northern Plains Region ¹						United States ²					
	Farms Reporting ³		Average per Farm ⁴		Total Expenditures		Farms Reporting ³		Average per Farm ⁴		Total Expenditures	
	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002
	<i>Percent</i>		<i>Dollars</i>		<i>Million Dollars</i>		<i>Percent</i>		<i>Dollars</i>		<i>Million Dollars</i>	
Total Farm Production Expenditures ^{5 6}	100.0	100.0	143,400	137,746	25,640	24,450	100.0	100.0	90,711	88,932	195,200	191,400
Livestock, Poultry & Related Expenses ⁷	32.4	34.5	26,902	25,634	4,810	4,550	30.9	31.4	8,597	8,410	18,500	18,100
Feed	52.8	56.1	12,752	12,169	2,280	2,160	63.7	64.0	11,525	11,384	24,800	24,500
Farm Services ⁸	94.2	96.2	16,443	15,887	2,940	2,820	94.2	95.3	12,501	12,452	26,900	26,800
Rent ⁹	57.4	58.1	16,946	16,620	3,030	2,950	35.2	33.7	7,621	7,434	16,400	16,000
Agricultural Chemicals ¹⁰	67.3	67.6	6,376	6,085	1,140	1,080	52.1	50.6	3,996	3,810	8,600	8,200
Fertilizer, Lime & Soil Conditioners ¹⁰	62.3	68.3	8,277	7,718	1,480	1,370	62.5	60.9	4,786	4,414	10,300	9,500
Interest	63.9	63.7	8,445	7,944	1,510	1,410	45.1	45.6	5,112	4,879	11,000	10,500
Taxes (Real Estate & Property)	99.8	99.7	5,705	5,746	1,020	1,020	99.0	98.3	3,206	3,206	6,900	6,900
Labor	40.1	36.3	5,984	5,746	1,070	1,020	39.2	36.2	10,084	9,990	21,700	21,500
Fuels	85.2	87.0	5,872	5,465	1,050	970	85.9	86.4	3,114	2,927	6,700	6,300
Farm Supplies & Repairs ¹¹	86.0	86.6	9,060	8,451	1,620	1,500	84.8	85.3	5,902	5,669	12,700	12,200
Farm Improvements & Construction ¹²	49.3	47.2	3,523	3,437	630	610	50.7	48.6	3,625	3,717	7,800	8,000
Tractors and Self-Propelled Farm Machinery	19.6	12.9	4,754	4,451	850	790	14.8	13.4	2,881	2,881	6,200	6,200
Other Farm Machinery	33.7	26.4	3,356	3,324	600	590	24.3	19.8	1,719	1,719	3,700	3,700
Seed & Plants ¹³	66.9	64.8	6,040	6,310	1,080	1,120	49.6	45.7	3,811	3,903	8,200	8,400
Trucks & Autos	26.9	21.6	2,796	2,592	500	460	17.8	14.9	1,998	1,905	4,300	4,100

¹ Northern Plains includes: KS, NE, ND, SD. ² Excludes AK and HI. ³ Number of farms reporting item divided by total number of farms. ⁴ Total expenditures divided by total number of farms. ⁵ Total includes production costs not allocated to any of the 16 expense categories published. ⁶ Includes landlord and contractor share of farm production expenses. ⁷ Includes purchases and leasing of livestock and poultry. ⁸ Includes all crop custom work, veterinary services, custom feeding, transportation costs, marketing charges, insurance, leasing of machinery and equipment, miscellaneous business expenses, and utilities. ⁹ Includes public and private grazing fees. ¹⁰ Includes material and application costs. ¹¹ Includes bedding and litter, marketing containers, power farm shop equipment, miscellaneous non-capital equipment and supplies, repairs and maintenance of livestock and poultry equipment and capital equipment for livestock and poultry. ¹² Includes all expenditures related to new construction or repairs of buildings and fences and any improvements to physical structures or land. ¹³ Excludes bedding plants, nursery stock, and seed purchased for resale. Includes seed treatment.

Source: USDA NASS Farm Production Expenditures 2002 Summary, July 2003

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